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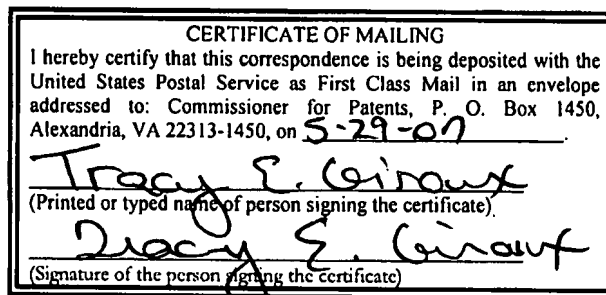
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In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring May 29, 2007, (May 27, 2007, being a Sunday; and May 28, 2007, being Memorial Day) please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: